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For: ALARM SYSTEM WITH INDIVIDUAL ALARM INDICATOR
TESTING



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REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 12, 2000 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 of the present application have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lautzenheiser et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,412,211 (hereinafter the '211 patent).

In the rejection, the Examiner indicates that the '211 patent meets the claimed subject matter. In particular, the Examiner is of the view that 1) the claimed plural notification appliances having a test status indicator and an alarm indicator are met by the sensors (124, 126) and 2) the claimed system controller is met by the control unit (120) which controls operation of a system so as to apply a test annunciation to the sensors when a test mode is selected. The Examiner refers to column 8, lines 3 et seq. of the '211 patent to support the rejection.